GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TREBALS IN FIFTH SCHEDULED AREAS
Gamang Shri Giridhar

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has prepared a Bill to protect the interest of Scheduled Tribes in forest areas particularly in Fifth Scheduled Areas in the country;

(b) whether the concerned Ministries and Departments along with the concerned States having Fifth Scheduled Areas are also consulted regarding the rights of tribals in forest; and

(c) if so, when the proposed Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been mandated to formulate a Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill to redress the historical injustice done to tribal communities and for clear assertion of their legal forest rights. The matter has been processed as per the procedure laid down for the purpose.

(c): As regards introduction of the Bill in the Parliament, no time frame can be indicated at this stage.